Security Message

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The U.S. Mission in Morocco would like to remind all U.S. citizens in Morocco to take extra precautions while driving and shopping during the month of Ramadan. In recent years, the Mission has observed a general increase in petty crime, specifically pickpocketing, purse snatchings, and cell phones stolen in the souks and markets.

There is also a marked increase in reported traffic accidents. During the hour before sunset many people hurry home in order to break their fast with their families. The roads will become especially dangerous and you should expect to see an increase in aggressive driving.

We recommend that you take this opportunity to verify that you have your emergency contact cards and insurance information updated and easy accessible.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Morocco enroll in the Department of State's <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)</u>. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. U.S. citizens are also encouraged to visit our website at: http://morocco.usembassy.gov.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Internet website at travel.state.gov where the Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well. In addition to information on the internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, from other countries, on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday, Eastern Time (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Rabat is located at 2 Avenue Mohamed El Fassi and can be reached at 0537-76-22-65. Consular Services are located at the U.S. Consulate General in Casablanca at 8 Blvd. Moulay Youssef. American Citizens Services can be reached at 0522-26-71-51 during business hours. After hours, please call 0522-26-45-50 or 0661-13-19-39.